

Comprehensive Cancer Control Program

Facts about cancer in Washington State:

- Cancer is the second leading cause of death
- About 1 out of every 4 deaths is due to cancer
- Cancer is the leading cause of death for adults aged 45-74
- Deaths due to cancer can be reduced through effective prevention, early detection, and quality cancer care

Comprehensive Cancer Control...

"An integrated and coordinated approach to reducing cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality through prevention, early detection, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliation."

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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FACT SHEET

The Washington State Department of Health Comprehensive Cancer Control Program coordinates and facilitates a statewide collaborative effort to develop, implement, and evaluate a state comprehensive cancer control plan. The mission of the program is to reduce cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality, and cancer related health disparities in Washington.

The mission is achieved by:

- **Bringing many partners together** including public and private stakeholders to develop a planned approach for solving cancer problems
- **Using data and research results** to identify priorities among the wide range of cancer issues (from prevention through survivorship and end-of-life)
- **Implementing evidence-based solutions** to ensure that current knowledge is applied in a cost-effective manner to achieve the best possible outcomes
- **Using limited resources more efficiently** by integrating and coordinating efforts to reduce duplication and improve overall capacity
- **Using limited resources more effectively** by targeting resources to the highest priorities using established criteria (e.g. areas of heaviest burden, major gaps, important disparities, etc.)

Washington Comprehensive Cancer Control Partnership

The Washington Comprehensive Cancer Control Partnership is the group of diverse stakeholders who are working together to implement the *Washington State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan*. The plan serves as a framework to guide the efforts of the Partnership. The plan consists of a broad set of goals, objectives, and strategies for reducing the cancer burden in Washington.

The Department of Health is a key stakeholder in the Partnership and provides fiscal, operational, and technical support through the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. The Partnership sets priorities from the plan and coordinates efforts to generate the resources necessary to implement plan strategies. Current priorities include increasing colorectal cancer screening rates and promoting informed decision making among men and their providers regarding prostate cancer screening.

Funding

The Comprehensive Cancer Control Program is funded through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The program is currently funded at \$850,000 per year through June 2007. This amount includes \$350,000 for colorectal cancer and \$200,000 for prostate cancer. Funding supports a program manager, other professional staff, and the efforts of the Partnership to implement the state plan.